



STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H



4-H is a youth organization that belongs to the members, their families, and other interested adults who serve as volunteer leaders. Professional leadership is provided by University of Illinois Extension staff. Support for 4-H programs is a joint effort of local organizations, county government, the University of Illinois, and the United States Dept. of Agriculture.

In 4-H, youth age 5 to 18 share, grow, and learn together from various projects, events, and activities in informal situations under the guidance of their families and other volunteer adult leaders. 4-H members can decide what they want to learn about by selecting 4-H projects that interest them. Group activities and events such as trips, camps, fairs, shows and workshops provide additional learning experiences and opportunities.

4-H is open to all youth and adult volunteers regardless of their race, color, religion, gender, racial origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation or disability. Most 4-H clubs have meetings for the entire membership once a month. During these meetings, decisions are made about group sponsored activities such as community service efforts, project opportunities, and fund-raising.

The major focus of 4-H is on youth development. Providing youth with an opportunity to develop and practice leadership, citizenship, communication, presentation, and social skills is an integral part of their 4-H experience. In addition to club-level activities, youth are offered developmental experiences at the county, state, and national levels. 4-H Youth Development Educators and Program Coordinators provide

structure, guidance, and support to 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers. Participants have fun learning, working, and succeeding together in their homes, communities, and beyond.

In Stephenson County, the 4-H program is administered by University of Illinois Extension. The office is located in Building R on the Highland Community College campus in Freeport. Staff members include:

- Margaret Larson, Multi-County Director
- Brenda Heimann, 4-H Program Coordinator
- Stanley (Jay) Solomon, Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator
- Diane Reinhold, Nutrition & Wellness Educator
- Phillip Alberti, Commercial Agriculture Educator
- Carol Erickson, SNAP-Ed Educator (Rockford)
- Grant McCarty, Local Food Systems & Small Farms Educator
- Barb Curry, INEP Community Worker
- Nikki Keltner, Extension Program Coordinator
- Deb Koch, Office Support Associate Specialist
- Julie Miller, Office Support Assistant.
- Jen Schultz, Extension Program Coordinator - Extra Help

To find out more information about the Stephenson County 4-H program, visit our website at web.extension.illinois.edu/

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Club, Area and Organizational Leader

Country Cuzins

Dakota
Stephanie Mitchell

Davis Rockets

Davis; Dakota;
Rock City
Bonnie Campbell

Florence Crickets

South Freeport
Alicia Glendenning
Dean Kuper

Freeport Fantastics

Freeport
Denise Hayunga

German Valley

Golden Eagles

German Valley
Josh Bolen
Stacey Bolen
Ann Johnson

Harlem Helpers

West Freeport
Bonnie Bawinkel
Rose DeVries

Lena Lucky Clovers

Lena
Kristi Krahmer
Jamie Stabenow

Pearl City Hornets

Pearl City
Jen Brenner
Nikki Keltner

Pearl Valley Rangers

Pearl City
Brenda Forth
Curt Miller
Pennie Miller
Becky Thomas

Snappy Snazzers

Orangeville
Pat Yeagle

Whiz Kids

Freeport
Courtney Cary

**Call 815-235-4125 to find a club near you.*



STEPHENSON COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL



Monica Pierce
Deb Lischwe
Ethan Trampel

Tom Scheider
Chris Urish

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H SUPERINTENDENTS

Tom Mulder	Ag Restor/Sm Eng/Tractor/Welding	Becky Meier	Dairy
Adam Boyer	Aerospace/Electricity	Glen Meier	Dairy
Curt Miller	Animal/Vet Sciences/Veg Gardening/ Flower/Herb/Indoor Gardening	Darlene Frederick	Dogs
Barb Curry	Beef	Deb Winning	Food & Nutrition
Gary Mielke	Beef	Karlene Beckmeier	Goats
Leslie Musser	Beef	Christina Boyer	Health/Character Education/ Childcare/Weather
Ruth Werkheiser	Bicycle	Brandi Widmer	Horse & Pony
Kathy Baumgartner	Cats/Computer Science/Robotics	Karen Wilhelms	Interior Design/Theatre Arts/Party Planning
Pennie Miller	Citizenship/Creative Writing/ Government/Leadership/Public Speaking/College & Career Readiness/4-H Exploratory	Bruce Baumgartner	Natural Resources
Tonya Raab	Clothing/Photography	Dorothy Wire	Natural Resources
Denise Hayunga	Cloverbuds/Food & Nutrition/Horse & Pony	Rita Koch	Poultry
Sheila Bolen	Collections	Judy Cary	Rabbits and Cavy
Christy Youtzy	Consumer Ed/Intercultural	Rose DeVries	Sheep
Dan Miller	Crops/Plant Science	Wendell DeVries	Sheep
Jennifer Busker	Dairy	Tom Flack	Swine
		Cindi Mielke	Visual Arts
		Kayla Hoefle	Visual Arts
		Mike Shore	Visual Arts
		Bonnie Campbell	Woodworking

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H PROJECT EXHIBITS

4-H members have multiple opportunities to exhibit their individual 4-H projects, many of which occur outside the Stephenson County Fair. Local expert judges talk with 4-H members to help them evaluate the work they have done to complete the project exhibit. All projects are judged based on each individual's work and final product, and awarded a blue, red or white ribbon. All 4-H members receive recognition for their accomplishments and top winners from many of these shows compete at the Illinois State Fair in August. Exhibit opportunities for 2021 will be made available on the Extension website @ <https://extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.

STEPHENSON COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEES

Fair Committee

Denise Hayunga
Jane Hendrickson
Sheila Keene
Curt Miller
Pennie Miller
Tom Mulder
Carol Perrin
Rachel Perrin
Darci Sutter

Leadership & Awards

Kathy Baumgartner
Steve Bottino
Bonnie Campbell
Denise Hayunga
Karen Wilhelms
Dorothy Wire

Volunteer Screening

Kathy Baumgartner
Denise Hayunga
Cindi Mielke
Curt Miller
Ruth Werkheiser
Judy Zier



The **Stephenson County Fair** provides an opportunity for 4-H members to be judged on their work and to exhibit their projects for the community to see. All 4-H projects (with the exception of livestock and small animals) will be exhibited in the 4-H Exhibit Building (a.k.a. Foresight Commercial Building), even though the actual judging of these projects has already been completed. For a list of the 4-H projects that may be shown at the Stephenson County Fair and other 4-H shows, contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

2020 4-H TROPHY/AWARD SPONSORS

Adkins Energy LLC - Crops
Andrew Gustafson - Dairy
Anonymous Donor - Food & Nutrition
Art & Jan Tessendorf - Guinea Pig, Horse & Pony
Bill & Jan Artman - Horse & Pony
Blackhawk HCE Unit - Visual Arts
Blain's Farm & Fleet of Freeport - Cats, Dairy, Goats, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Tractor
Boyer Family - Rabbits, Robotics, Shooting Sports
Boyer Livestock Trucking - Beef, Video/Filmmaking
Bruce & Kathy Baumgartner - Cats, Sheep
Candi Seffrood - Rabbits
Carla Meyer - Conservation, Flower Arranging, Natural Resources, Visual Arts
Ceroni Farms - Horse & Pony
Citizens State Bank - Poultry, Rabbits, Visual Arts
Compeer Financial - Beef, Collections, Goats, Horse & Pony
Country Cuzins 4-H Club - Dogs, Visual Arts
Country Financial - Goats, Sheep, Swine
Country View Equestrian Center - Horse & Pony
Cow Comp - Computer Science
CRB Garage - Rabbits
Curt & Pennie Miller - Floriculture, Sheep, Visual Arts
Donald Brown Jr.-Hayman - Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbits
Dave & Michelle Golz - Sewing
Davis Rockets 4-H Club - Poultry
Delbert Scheider - Sewing & Textiles, Visual Arts
Dickman Farm Service Inc. - Poultry
D'z Treats - Food Science
Eastland Feed & Grain Inc. - Swine
Ed & Barb Curry Family - Beef
Evelyn Rogers - Poultry
Family of Joyce Groezinger - Natural Resources
Flack Sewing Center - Sewing & Textiles
Freeport Bicycle Company - Bicycle
Freeport Fantastics 4-H Club - Food & Nutrition, Visual Arts
Friendship Center Lena - Visual Arts
Gerald Wire Family - Dairy, Goats, Horticulture
German Valley Golden Eagles 4-H Club - Visual Arts, Woodworking
Gilt Edge Farms - Swine
Happy Day HCE Unit - Visual Arts
Harlem HCE Unit - Poultry, Clothing & Textiles
Henry & Nicole Trampel - Sewing
Holland & Sons, Inc. - Dairy
Honoring Joyce Figi, Davis Rockets 4-H Club Leader - Woodworking
In Memory of Berniece Stuckey, Davis Rockets 4-H Club Leader - Poultry
In Memory of Brittany Koch - Floriculture
In Memory of Dr. Harold Held DVM - Dogs
In Memory of Henry Yeagle - Communications
In Memory of Larry Julius - Crops
In Memory of Verna Winning - Food & Nutrition
J. Rosemary Shockey Memorial - Legos
Jeremy Longamore, LG Columbias - Sheep
John & Julie Miller Family - Geology
Jonathan & Devin Davidson - Food & Nutrition
Keene Family - Entomology
Keith Meier / Pioneer Hi-Bred Internatiional - Crops
Keltner Farms - Ryan & Nikki Keltner - Beef
Kentland Farms - Beef
Krahmer Family - Dairy
Le-A-Nites HCE Unit - Visual Arts
Lena Live Wires 4-H Club - Cats
Lena Lucky Clovers 4-H Club - Poultry, Visual Arts
Lena State Bank - Horse & Pony, Sheep
Lena Veterinary Clinic - Veterinary Science
Mark & Shelly Fiene - Dogs, Horse & Pony
McConnell Machine & Welding - Electricity, Poultry
Meier Meadows - Dairy
Merlin, Joyce & Julie Germain Memorial - Public Speaking, Citizenship & Service Learning
Mike Shore - Cake Decorating
Mock Orange HCE Unit - Poultry
Monroe Clinic - Health
New Hope Veterinary Clinic - Horse & Pony
Northwest Illinois Deer Collectors - Tractor
Northwestern Illinois Farmer - Communications & Journalism
NW Illinois Forage & Grassland Council - Crops
Orangeville Animal Health Service, LLC - Cats, Sheep
Pat & Denny Dietmeier - Dogs, Natural Resources, Public Presentation, Woodworking
Pearl City Day HCE Unit - Cats
Pearl City Elevator Inc. - Beef, Dairy, Sheep

2020 4-H TROPHY/AWARD SPONSORS (cont.)

Pearl City Hornets 4-H Club - Cavy
Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club - Food & Nutrition
Peace of Mind Online - Natural Resources
Peter Haselhorst - Photo-Editing, College & Career Readiness
Quality Carpet Cleaning - Intercultural
Raders Insurance Agency - Dairy
Rainbow Rangers 4-H Club - Party Planning
Randy & Tonya Raab - Sewing, Sheep, Visual Arts
Ray Schoonhoven Memorial - Dairy
Robertson Family - Photography, Visual Arts
Rock Grove Merry Makers HCE Unit - Visual Arts
Rock Run HCE Unit - Sewing & Textiles
Roger & Karen Wilhelms - Sewing, Visual Arts
Rosenstiel Farms - Pearl City - Aerospace, Consumer Education, Food & Nutrition, Horse & Pony
S & S Enterprises of Illinois - Photography
Sandy Helms - Woodworking
Sara Daiker - Interior Design
Scott & Marlyse Johnson & Family - Visual Arts
Setterstrom-Havens Farm - Animal Science
Skate Station - Leadership
Stagecoach Quilters Guild - Sewing & Textiles
Star Ambulance - Food & Nutrition, Health Innovation, Woodworking

State Bank of Pearl City - Swine
Stephenson County Ag Breakfast - Small Pets, Beef, Dairy, Rabbits, Swine, Theatre Arts
Stephenson County Antique Engine Club - Dairy
Stephenson County Beef Association - Beef
Stephenson County Farm Bureau - Dairy, Forestry, Master Showmanship
Stephenson County Mutual Insurance Co. - Entomology & Beekeeping
Stephenson County SWCD - Natural Resources
Sylvia Flack - Horse & Pony
Tender Loving Care Animal Hospital - Cats, Goats
The Boyer Family - Shooting Sports
The Gary Mielke Family - Goats
Tracy and Tonya Kaiser - Small Engines
Wagner Consulting - Horse & Pony, Rabbits, Sheep
Wahl Clipper Corporation - Horse & Pony
Watson Family - Exploratory
West Point Mutual Insurance Company - Dairy
Whiz Kids 4-H Club - Visual Arts
Wingert's Cattle Company - Beef
Witte Plastics - Goats, Horse & Pony

THE BENEFITS OF 4-H PARTICIPATION

Research has shown that children who are exposed to each of the following eight critical elements over prolonged periods of time are most positively impacted by youth program efforts. Youth impacted in this way are more likely to...

- Report recognition for good grades
- Graduate from high school
- Go to college
- Feel good about themselves
- Indicate higher levels of self-efficacy
- View themselves as effective and in control
- Find a job they enjoy
- Value community service

4-H's objective is to consciously help youth develop and obtain the eight critical elements for a fulfilling future. The eight critical elements that are linked to such success include:

1. A positive relationship with a caring adult
2. A welcoming, inclusive environment
3. A physically and psychologically safe environment
4. An appropriately structured environment
5. Opportunities to achieve competency and mastery
6. Opportunities for self-determination
7. Opportunities to value and practice service to others
8. Active participation in the future

As a 4-H member, one can expect to learn life skills such as leadership, commitment & follow-through, listening skills,

communication skills, teamwork skills, and self-confidence. Through the program a member can also take various 4-H projects such as: Aerospace, Visual Arts, Forestry, Interior Decorating, Food & Nutrition, and Woodworking; but that's not all. We have over 175 projects available for youth to choose from. Our program functions with the assistance of active volunteers, which helps us provide a hands-on learning atmosphere. 4-H actively believes in the difference youth can make in our world, and we value the eight elements and how they can guide us in providing a quality, positive learning experience for all youth. For more information about the Stephenson County 4-H Program, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need reasonable accommodations to Participate in any 4-H activity, call the Extension Office at 815-235-4125.

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2021 SECTION 1 AG-ED (FFA) FAIR

- The Livestock/ Agriculture Fair will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 9 am**. The animals will be received by 7 am on that day or they will be in place from competing in the Stephenson County Fair.
- The Section 1 AG-ED Fair is composed of fifteen (15) schools in Northwestern Illinois with state approved Agriculture Education programs. The schools offering vocational agriculture in this section are: Jo Daviess Co. - River Ridge, Scales Mound, Galena, Stockton & Warren; Ogle Co. - Forrester; Stephenson Co. - Dakota, Freeport, Lena-Winslow, Orangeville & Pearl City; Winnebago Co. - Pecatonica, Durand; Carroll Co. - Eastland & West Carroll.
- Exhibitors must keep records on their project in AET. All exhibitors own their projects or a portion thereof. All record books must be printed and on grounds at the time of the fair.
- There are ten (10) divisions: Swine, Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Vegetables & Produce, Exotic Animals, Goats, and Horses
- The Stephenson County Fair Association contributes housing & facilities free of charge. Agriculture Teachers manage the show. The Fair is non-profit and, therefore, well within the reach of any high school student.
- The Section 1 AG-ED Fair is conducted by the Section 1 members of the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT). Each Instructor takes turns as department supervisors, superintendents and managers. For more information about the 2021 Show, please contact your local Agriculture Teacher or one of the following:

Section 1 IAVAT Fair Manager	Section 1 IAVAT Chairman
<p>Cindy Feltmeyer Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor</p> <p>Eastland High School 500 South School Drive Lanark, IL 61046</p> <p>815 493-6341 815 493-6343 fax cfeltmeyer@eastland308.com</p>	<p>Mr. Jacob Snook Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor</p> <p>Lena- Winslow High School 401 Fremont Street Lena, IL 61048</p> <p>815-369-3100 snookj@le-win.net</p>

GENERAL RULES

1. An exhibitor must have completed a class of agricultural education the previous school year or have completed all the agriculture courses offered in a high school and he/she must keep records on the projects. Students who withdraw from school are not eligible to show. Mid-year graduates are eligible to show.
2. All animals shown must be from a student's project and must be owned or purchased no later than June 1, 2021. Students who work in placement SAE programs are eligible to show but must have a contract with their employer. Partnership projects may be exhibited as long as ownership is shown in the record book.
3. Registration papers must be on grounds and available for all purebred animals.
4. **Entry Fees** – Section 1 FFA fair entries are due to the student's local agriculture instructor or other school representative. Entries are due Friday, July 9, 2021. Please make all checks payable to Section 1 FFA, unless your school is paying for your entry fees. If you plan to show at the Stephenson County Fair, those entries are due to the Fair Office by July 1, and checks need to be payable to Stephenson County Fair Association.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Late Fee</u>
Division I – III	\$4.00	\$8.00
Division IV, VIII & IX	\$3.00	\$6.00
Division V & VI	\$2.00	\$4.00
Division VII	\$0.50	\$1.00

5. It is the duty of the Ag Instructor to remind his/her students about horseplay, destruction of property, smoking, drinking, etc. Any such act will result in loss of prize money. Each student will be responsible of his/her own acts.
6. The Stephenson County Fair Association will not be responsible for losses or damages.
7. All controversies will be handled by the Ag Ed Fair Committee and their decisions will be final.
8. State and County health rules will be strictly adhered to. Species specific health paperwork should be presented at check-in.
9. Any entrant who wishes to sell his/her market animal entry at the auction must enter the Junior Open Show for that species. **SEE THE STEPHENSON COUNTY FAIR BOOK (PG 53) - THIS MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS FOR EACH SPECIES.**
10. All livestock must be exhibited by a Section 1 FFA member or Section 1 agriculture student.
11. No adult, except the superintendent and those designated by him/her to assist in the operation of the show and the judge, will be allowed in the show ring, during judging unless a dangerous situation exists.
12. Bedding must be furnished by the student and **PENS & STALLS MUST BE CLEANED OUT WHEN YOU LEAVE OR PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFIETED.**
13. All stock remains in place on the grounds until the entire species show has completed.
14. Showmanship is open to all entrants with their own animals. There is no entry fee.
15. School Exhibit: Best five (5) animals from two (2) or more exhibitors.